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Children returned to father

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Two children missing from New Jersey since May 2003 will be reunited with their father after Comal County Sheriff's Office deputies found them Thursday in Spring Branch with their mother.

Based on general information provided late Wednesday by the U.S. Marshals and Texas Rangers, deputies located Diana Rocio Ayala-Zuta, 30, Catalina Canelo, 6, and Diana Canelo, 4, in the 3000 block of View Ridge.

Detective Sgt. Tommy Ward said Warrants Division officers arrested Zuta around 4 p.m.

"We waited until they arrived home," he said. "She was taken into custody without incident."

Zuta was booked into the Comal County Jail on charges of interfering with child custody, where she remains without bond.

Ward said she likely would be held for extradition to New Jersey.

The girls, who were not enrolled in school, were taken to the children's shelter.

Ward said their father, who had legal custody, was notified Thursday and already was on his way to Texas to get the children.